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HOUSE RESOLUTION 27  
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Margaret Kizer of  
Brownsville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Margaret Kizer, a longtime resident of Brownsville and founder of that city's highly successful City Beautiful Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kizer was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kizer served with acumen and alacrity as assistant to two directors of the Brownsville-Haywood County Chamber of Commerce, in which position she earned the respect of her supervisors and the local community alike for the exemplary quality of her work and the welcoming personal touch with which she conducted the Chamber's business; after a visit with Mrs. Kizer at the Chamber, many visitors felt completely comfortable in making the decision to relocate to Brownsville; and

WHEREAS, after founding City Beautiful in the 1980s, Mrs. Kizer showed much persistence in administering the program without official funding until it achieved such spectacular results that the city government decided to make it an officially funded entity; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Kizer was deeply involved in the beautification of Brownsville; her motto, "Watch us glitter," helped inspire the wonderful local tradition of placing single, clear electric candles in the windows of home and businesses during the Christmas season; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kizer and her dog, Pup, often began their day by strolling the city streets to pick up the night's litter; her example and vocal leadership encouraged the citizens and officials of Haywood County to properly emphasize recycling and litter prevention; and

WHEREAS, in October, 1998, the city of Brownsville and Mayor Webb Banks recognized Margaret Kizer's estimable contributions to the quality of life in Brownsville by naming the island between Highways 54W and 19 in her honor; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Mrs. Kizer was an active member of the First United Methodist Church, where she was an inspirational example to many; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kizer was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Kizer enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, the late Jerry D. Kizer, and was the loving and devoted parent of Jerry D. Kizer, Jr., Jane Kizer Watson, Dr. Lewis Bond Kizer, and Harriet Kizer Bond; she was also the proud grandparent of nine grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Margaret Kizer leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor the memory of Margaret Kizer, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character, her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and her many laudable contributions to the community of Brownsville.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Kizer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.